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Gazers of the Galaxy at the Cradle of Forestry

Brevard, NC, 9/3/26: At night, the forest comes to life, and far up above, the infinite cosmos dances. Experience the wonders of the night sky during an unforgettable evening of stargazing at the Cradle of Forestry in America.

Join FIND Outdoors on **Friday, September 11th and Friday, November 6th** to discover astronomical astonishment, as the Cradle of Forestry partners with AstroBrevard, The Asheville Astronomy Club, and the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute to discover the hidden mysteries of Western North Carolina's dark sky.

Participants will discover the spectacle of the cosmos as expert astronomers interpret and identify the constellations and planets, share stories about the stars, and provide opportunities to observe celestial objects through high-powered telescopes. Whether you're an experienced stargazer or simply curious about the universe, this interactive program offers a unique chance to explore the beauty of deep space.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for youth ages 4–15, and free for children ages 3 and under. All proceeds from the event go directly to support FIND Outdoors' non-profit mission, the continued stewardship of the Cradle of Forestry, and further educational programs.

Gates open at 8:00 PM; the program takes place from 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM and begins with an introduction from our partners, who will brief guests on the wonders of the night sky. Guests will then be invited to look through telescopes calibrated to specific points of interest and activity up above.

For Tickets and additional information, visit www.gofindoutdoors.org.

The Cradle of Forestry is located four miles south of Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 412 on Highway 276 in the Pisgah National Forest and six miles north of Looking Glass Falls. The Cradle of Forestry is the birthplace of modern forestry in America. Dr. Carl Alwin Schenck, forester for George Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate from 1895 to 1909, founded America's first forestry school in 1898 and used the present Cradle of Forestry area as its summer campus. This land was the nucleus of today's Pisgah National Forest, established in 1916.

FIND Outdoors is a 501(c)(3) outdoor recreation nonprofit that centers forest education and stewardship. Based in Pisgah Forest, FIND Outdoors has been stewarding public lands for over 50 years, with a vision to create a lasting community of appreciation for the outdoors. Learn more about FIND and ways you can be involved at www.gofindoutdoors.org/about.

